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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Application No.	09/834,074
First Named Inventor	Grube
Group Art Unit	2839
Examiner Name	N. Abrams
Attorney Docket No.	276440-12

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Petition For Extension Of Time
 - v. Calculation Of Fee For Amendment

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other: Please also consider an electronic Information Disclosure Statement (eIDS) to be submitted on April 22, 2003.

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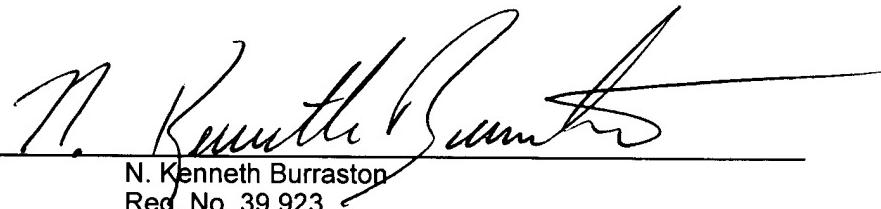
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3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (Order No. P134-US)
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
 - iv. Any additional fee due in connection with the filing of this (these) paper(s)
- b. Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed

Date: April 21, 2003

Signature:



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Docket no.: 27644-12

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: Grube
Application No.: 09/834,074
Filing Date: April 12, 2001
For: Microelectronic Spring With Additional
Protruding Member

Examiner: N. Abrams
Group Art Unit: 2839

CALCULATION OF FEE FOR AMENDMENT

Box RCE
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In an Amendment in the above-referenced U. S. patent application filed herewith, a fee for amendment of claims is NOT required as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No.	Previously Paid	Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims:	76	minus 94 =		\$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	6	minus 6	0	\$84	\$0
Multiple dependent claims at \$280.00 each:					\$0
FEE DUE FOR AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS FOR THIS RESPONSE:					\$0.00

- A Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed to cover fees due.
- The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the foregoing fee of \$ _____ and any additional fees that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (Order No. P134-US).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 21, 2003

By:

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AMENDMENT

Box RCE
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 21, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to April 21, 2003 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, and in conjunction with the concurrent filing of a Request For Continued Prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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